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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including October 18, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Attached please find check in the amount of \$595.00 for payment of the extension fee and the RCE fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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